



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

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Newington, CT 06111

Phone: (860) 666-1591

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

626 Willard Avenue

Newington, CT. 06111

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183 Church Street (No Mail Please)

Newington, CT. 06111

Confession

Friday: 8:30-8:50 am, HS

Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm, HS

Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am, SM

Mass Times

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday

9:00 am, HS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm, HS

Sunday Masses:

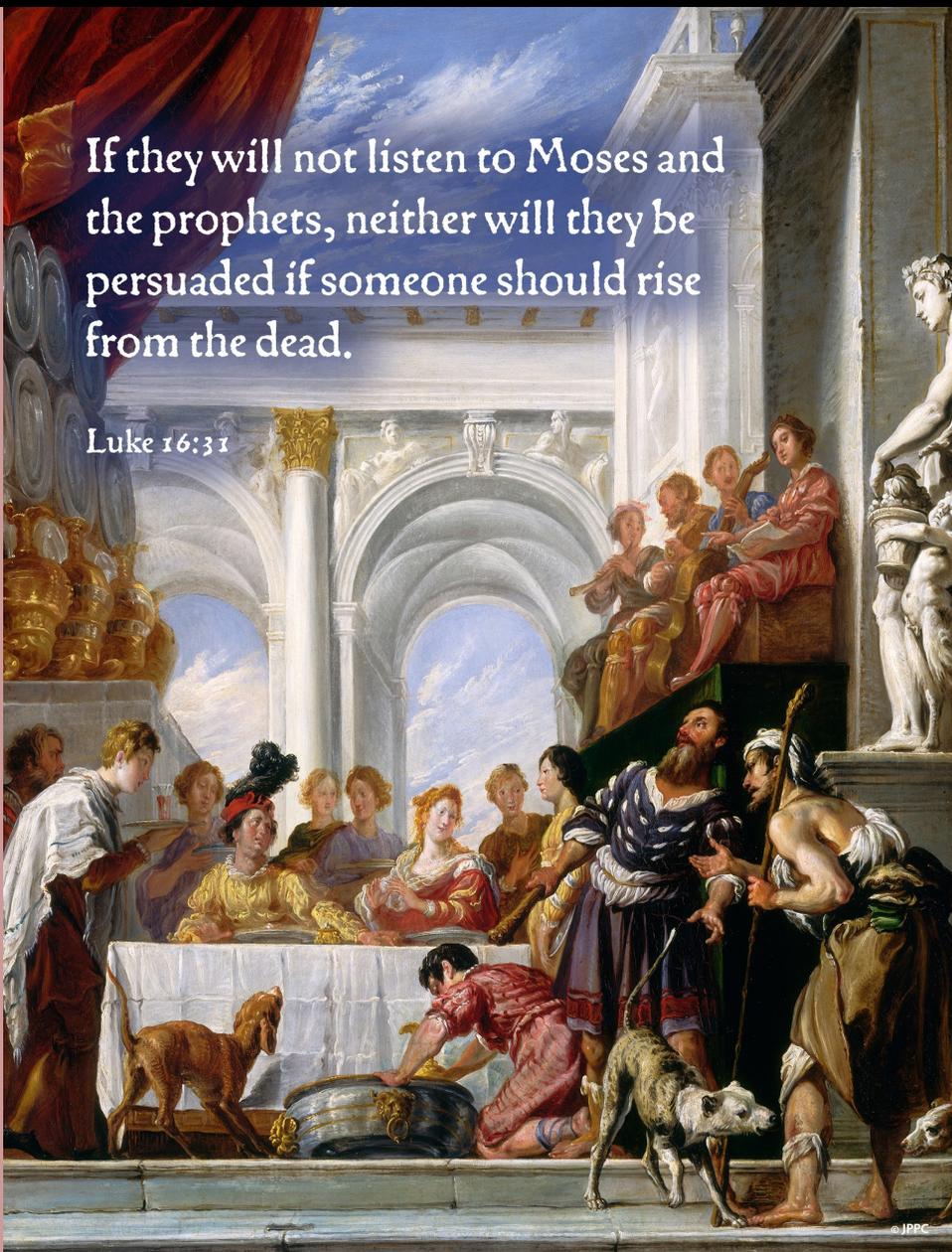
8:00 am, SM

9:15 am, HS

10:30 am, SM

12:00 pm, HS

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If they will not listen to Moses and
the prophets, neither will they be
persuaded if someone should rise
from the dead.

Luke 16:31

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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Welcome To Annunciation Parish, The Roman Catholic Community of Newington

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning parishioner, a new parishioner, or a visitor, welcome to our community. We are glad that you are here and hope that you feel at home. If you are not already a member of our parish, please consider joining us. If you are a member of our parish already, please consider joining one of our ministries.

The Catholic Church welcomes new members of all ages. Children are welcomed into our faith through the sacrament of Baptism. Adults can either join our faith, or complete their sacraments of initiation through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or our Adult Confirmation program. If you are interested, please call the rectory at: (860) 666-1591.

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Sacramental Ministries

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, visit our website:

www.annunciationnewington.com, *scroll down to* Quick Links (*center of Home Page*), *Select* - Book a Baptism and then once the form is submitted, Deacon Blanchette will call to arrange a meeting.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least **six months** in advance. Couples meet with the priest for an initial pastoral conversation before a wedding date can be set. Please do not make other plans until a date has been confirmed.

For the Sick

We are happy to visit with the homebound. If you or a loved one would like a home visit, Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27th, The Vigil For The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Beth Donovan, 6th Anniversary, By Her Family
Sunday, September 28th, The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Giuseppe, Antonina, Vincenzo & Alina,
By Their Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Jo-Ann Arel, By The Annunciation Parish
Women's Guild

S/M 10:30 a.m. Margaret & George Ciganik &
Natalie & Stefan Rozewski , By The Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Sally Wisniewski, By Paula & Normand Gagnon
Monday, September 29th, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

H/S 9:00 a.m. Eleanor Paradis, 18th Anniversary, By Her Son
Tuesday, September 30th, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of The Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Elisabeth Jarnot, By Her Sister
Wednesday, October 1st, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Teresa Chacko, By, Her Son
Thursday, October 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

H/S 9:00 a.m. Remy Martula, By His Parents
Friday, October 3rd, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. The Murphy & Immeln Families & Jerry Griffin
Saturday, October 4th, The Vigil For The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Ruth & John Porter, By The Taylor Family
Sunday, October 5th, The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Salvatore J. Labadia, By His Wife & Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Ann & Val Profetti, Wedding Remembrance,
By The Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Pauline & Henry Daloe, By Their Son Richard

H/S 12:00 p.m. Luigia Tarascio, By Her Daughter Pia & Her Family



Congratulations To Our Newlyweds

We joyfully extend our
Congratulations to:
**Angela Carson &
Patrick Ziembra**

And

**Taylor Kilduff &
Jorge Cruz Dosamantes**

who were united in the
Sacrament of Holy
Matrimony in our Parish.

May the Lord bless their
married life with good
health, happiness and
peace for many years to
come.

The Pro-Life Ministry will be holding their annual Baby Bottle Drive with distribution of the baby bottles at Annunciation Parish on the weekend of October 18 and 19. Collection will be two-weeks later on the weekend of November 1 and 2.

We are sponsoring this fundraiser for St. Gerard's Center for Life in Hartford, the only pregnancy resource center in our Capitol City, which is reopening after a 4-year Covid shutdown. Please save the date now to collect your baby bottle and fill it with your coins, cash, and checks for this annual much-needed fundraiser. If you will be away for that weekend, baby bottles will be available the following weekend. All of the funds will support the moms and dads who have made the decision to save their babies from abortion. Thank you for your support!!

Parish Support

September 21, 2025

Weekly \$9,873

Online Giving \$3,922

Total \$13,795

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

Spend the whole hour or as
much time as you can give!

PARISH CALENDAR, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **October 19th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, October 5th @ both churches

The Prayer Shawl Group

meets the **third Thursday** of every month at **12:30 p.m.** at The Holy Spirit Church Hall from **September-June**

The Men's Club

...meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month, at **6:00 pm** in St. Mary lower Rectory. Contact: Tom Morris at (860) 666-6331

The Men's Fellowship Group

...meets every **Wednesday** evening from **6:30-8:00 pm @** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Angelo Marchetti at: (860) 202-1612

The Women's Fellowship Group

...meets every Thursday of every from **6:30-8:00 pm** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Kim Marchetti at: (860) 202-0020

The Women's Guild

The Women's Guild Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, **October 7th**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **October 14th**. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

We are happy to share that the Annunciation Women's Guild has received a generous donation from the Estate of Barbara Schnabel, a former neighbor of Holy Spirit. With the permission of the Archdiocese, the Guild has installed safety railings in both St. Mary's and Holy Spirit. The design of the railings beautifully reflects the architectural style of each church. We pray God's blessings upon Barbara Schnabel, and we thank her most sincerely. Special thanks also to Marie Michalman and Jay Dumais for coordinating this important work in both of our churches.



Religious Education Registration is now OPEN! Classes for grades K-9 will not be on Sundays at John Wallace Middle School.

Classes will be held at Holy Spirit and Saint Mary's twice a month during the week on an evening to be determined. We are transitioning to the Hartford Archdiocese Faith Formation program. Please visit the Annunciation Parish website for additional information by clicking on religious education and announcements.

If you haven't registered your child in the faith formation class, please go to the Annunciation Parish website at: <https://www.annunciationnewington.com>

For more information, you may reach out to Deacon Jim Blanchette at: 860-729-5032 or deaconjimb@annunciationnewington.com

Religious education classes will start the **first week of October**, with the option to attend class on the **6th or the 9th at 6 p.m.** A calendar will be published soon. We will meet in Holy Spirit Church to start. At least one parent is required to be present. If both parents can attend, that would be great. **Confirmation classes** will be starting on **Sunday, September 14th, at 1 p.m.**, Holy Spirit Hall. The Noon Mass at Holy Spirit is mandatory as well.

***The first meeting of the New Britain Council of Catholic Women will take place on Thursday Oct. 16 at St. Jerome Church Hall, 1010 Slater Rd. NB at 1pm. There will be a business meeting followed by a speaker. Please bring a friend!**



Please welcome into our parish family, the following child who was recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

Blaire Enrique Layus

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C call us to care about others. In the first reading we are warned against being complacent while others suffer. The psalm praises the justice of God. In the second reading Paul reminds us to pursue virtues. In the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, where a wealthy man ignored the needs of a poor man every day.

The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C focus on themes of wealth, responsibility, and the afterlife. They challenge us to reflect on our own lives in light of eternal values.

- **Wealth and Complacency:** The reading from Amos criticizes those who are comfortable and indifferent to the suffering around them. It shows that God sees and judges our indifference, especially when we ignore others' needs while living in luxury.
- **Moral Integrity:** Paul urges Timothy to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. This theme tells us that living a good life involves more than avoiding bad actions; it also requires actively cultivating virtues.
- **Eternal Consequences:** The Gospel parable about Lazarus and the rich man illustrates that our actions have consequences beyond this life. It teaches us that how we treat others, especially those in need, influences our eternal destiny.
- **The Role of Scripture:** The rich man learns that Moses and the prophets' teachings are enough to guide us to live rightly. This emphasizes the importance of paying attention to Scripture as a guide for our lives.
- **Justice for the Poor:** Both Amos and the Gospel highlight God's concern for the poor and suffering. It reminds us that our faith calls us to help those who are less fortunate.
- **Ultimate Authority of God:** Paul describes God as the only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. This reaffirms that all power and authority ultimately belong to God, and we are to live in a way that honors Him.

These themes from the readings of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invite us to examine our lives and align our actions with God's expectations. They call us to live not just for today, but with an eye toward eternity.

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“Music, Music, Music” from the director of Music, Mark Neumann.

For all those interested in singing in our **10:30 a.m. choir at St. Mary's**: We are looking to enlarge and renew our choir. Please join us for an organizational meeting at **St. Mary's on Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** All it takes is the ability to carry a tune. Help us lead our congregation in worship!



Annunciation Youth Choir: We would like to begin a youth choir for middle school and beyond. Parents and interested youth are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on **Thursday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.**





ANNUNCIATION PARISH SICK LIST

Let us pray for those who are sick, may they feel the healing touch of the Lord, especially:

Ann & Richard Albert
 Helen Anderson
 MaryBeth Aparo
 Caroline B.
 Anthony Baggio
 Gianna Balducci
 Debra Barabault
 Lana Bargnesi
 Margaret Becker
 Cecile Berube
 Dennis Berube
 Jay & Dawn Bis
 Kyle Bloom
 Alice Bottiglieri
 George Boulia
 Ryan Bousquet
 John Brigham
 Thomas Brigham
 Kathleen Brummett
 Victoria Bullock
 Mark Butler
 Deborah Cacase
 Anthony Caccavale
 Robert Caccavale
 MaryAnn Cahoon
 Skip Callahan
 Salvatore Campaillo
 Eileen Carey
 Cecile Carroll
 Dorothy Carso
 Catherine J. Carter
 Diane Carter
 Tom Caruso
 Carmelo Catania
 Joseph Catania
 Ken Chickosky
 Tom Clark
 Barbara Clinch
 Sandra Coakley
 Luca Colangelo
 Timothy Collins
 Elizabeth Concannon
 Kathy Cote
 Ronnie Crowe
 George Csefai
 Daniel Cyganik
 Pam Czelazewicz
 Tad D.
 Donald & Judy D'Amato
 Nancy Davis
 Debbie

Philip DesJardins
 Conrad DesJardins
 Rosa DePamphilis
 James Denno
 D. L. DeTuccio
 Doreen DeTuccio
 Irene DiFusco
 Louise DiPietro
 Stephanie S. DiVito
 Vincent Donadio
 Donna
 Dorothy Dube
 Lorne D. Dube
 George Dubiel
 Erica
 Nico Fazzino
 Jimmy Fuska
 Gabriel
 Mary G.
 Paul G.
 Michael Gamache
 Lorraine Giansanti
 Joseph Giguere
 Carmella Giovannucci
 Georgette R. Gjerpen
 Alan Godbout
 Joseph Guillette
 Michael Guillette
 Cecelia Guyan
 Pat Hale
 Helena Hansen
 Karen Hayduski
 Deb Hebert
 Joanne Heckman
 Jo Henderson
 Ronald Hirschthal
 Linda Horan
 Donald Hurley
 Beverly Iskra
 Jen
 Jodeen
 Jean K.
 Kate
 Lorri Kirk
 Laura Kron
 Kenneth Krzynowek
 Lorraine Kulac
 Lucille
 Wayne LaVertue
 Gemma Leary
 Jackie LeBrun
 James Levesque

Jacqueline Levesque
 Karen Levesque
 Yvette Levesque
 Robert & Marie Levesque
 Jeffrey Lombardo
 Lucia Lorusso
 Michael Lorusso, Jr.
 Evaristo Loura
Beverly Luddy
 Lou Ludwik
 David Magnan
 Rosemarie Manente
 Jackie Martin
 Enith Martinez
 Miguel Martinez
 Denise Maraio
 Shirley Massa
 Erica McKenna
 Garrett E. Meagher
 David Michaud
 Carla Michaud
 Rebecca Misko
 Ryan Moran
 Bernice Napierski
 Baby Nielsen
 Steve Olcott
 Joseph Olettie
 Emily Ouellet
 Isabel Ortiz
 Jessica Palmer
 Barbara Palombizio
 Vincent Pellegrini
 Lou Pelletier
 Margaret Pelletier
 Laura Penta
 Richard Perkins
 Lucille Petow
 John Piotrowski
 Jean Poulin
 Aldina Portal
 Curtis Potter
 Jane Pulcini
 Carol R.
 Francis Radomsky
 MaryAnn Rashaw
 Darryl Reberio
 Carolyn Record
 Donald Reney
 Gina Reney
 Michael Richard
 Louise Roberts
 Ray Robidoux

Denise Rodzen
 Carlos & Iris Rodrigues
 Tom Rogers
 Amber Rojek
 Frank Rooney
 Robert Roy
 Mark Russek
 David Russell
 Tristan S.
 Shirley Sapita
 Doris Sartori
 Revathi Sasindran
 Janet Schaeffer
 Wanda Seegobin
 Kathleen Shapleigh
 Marianne Sisson
 Ann Smith
 Ruth Solla
Angela Sollima
 Christina Sousa
 Gary Sousa
 Toni Sousa
 Nicole Stanhope
 Tony Stensen
 Bailey Stine
 Patricia St. Jean
 Marie Stover
 John Sudal
 Michael Sudol
 Amy Sullivan
 Christian Thomas
 Kevin Thomas
 Nathan Thomsen
 Agatha Tilford
 Doris & Megan Torrey
 Adam Trulsen
 Donna Tuninsky
 Joan Turgeon
 Stacy V.
 William V.
 Abby & Daniel Valdesi
 Bill W.
 Elyssa W.
 Jennifer Wainwright
 Lynn Wamester
 Nicholas Wells
 Jo-Ann Wojtunik
 Charlene Wright
 Paulette M. Wright
 Mark Yaglowski
 Lucy Zocco

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ANNOUNCING: The Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress comes to the Church of the Holy Spirit!

We are delighted to announce that during this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church of the Holy Spirit will join six other parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford for 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

WHERE: The location will be the Church of the Holy Spirit.

WHEN: Beginning on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 PM and ending with Benediction on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:00 PM

WHAT: We will pray for 24 hours, and parishioners will have an opportunity to sign up to pray at an hour that is convenient for them. Each hour, a designated leader will lead the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour.

WHO: YOU! Please consider participating by signing up to cover one of the hours of Adoration during the day or the night hours. Bring your friends or your family, or if you are part of a parish group consider volunteering as a group for an hour. The evening hours can be more difficult to fill so if it is safe for you to pray in the overnight hours we will appreciate having your help.

HOW: To schedule an hour of Adoration or if you are interested in leading the Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the beginning of an hour, please call (860) 614-6909. You may also sign up on the sheets provided at the entrances to the church.

WHAT IS A TRAVELING EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS? The Archdiocese of Hartford Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress will be held October 4 - 10, 2025. A Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress is 7 days of around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary with each 24-hour period hosted at a different parish in the Archdiocese. It is offered **in a spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life, to establish peace in our cities, nation, and world, and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Please consider participating in this nationwide, special event as we join dioceses throughout the United States simultaneously blanketing the country with prayers.**

WHAT OTHER PARISHES WILL OFFER ADORATION?

October 4th - **Waterbury**- The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception- Opening Mass at 4:15 followed by Adoration until Benediction on October 5th at 4:00PM

October 5th- **Forestville**- The Church of Saint Matthew- Opening Mass at 5:00 PM followed by Adoration until Benediction at 5:00PM on October 6th

October 6th- **Griswold**- Friary of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Adoration beginning at 6:00PM until Benediction on October 7th at 6:00 PM

October 7th- **Newington**- Church of the Holy Spirit - Adoration beginning at 6:00PM until Benediction on October 8th at 6:00 PM

October 8th- **New Haven**- Saint Joseph Church - Opening Mass at 5:00 PM followed by Adoration until Benediction on October 9th at 4:30 PM

October 9th- **Enfield**- Saint Martha Church- Adoration beginning at 6:00PM until Benediction at 6:00 PM on October 10th

October 10th-**Hartford**- Cathedral of Saint Joseph (**lower church**) Adoration 1:00PM until Benediction at 6:30 PM. **Important!** The *EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS CLOSING MASS* begins at 7:00 PM in the main church upstairs. Please attend this special mass!

WHY IS IT SPECIAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAVELING EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR?

A Jubilee Year is a Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration. During this "Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee", we are encouraged to renew our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and to encounter His healing grace. We have the perfect opportunity to do so during the Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress being held from October 4 – October 10, 2025.

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISING

**September 28th, 2025
8am-11am**

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH HALL

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Branches on the Vine

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3, 2025



Father Edward Ziemnicki serves golabki at the annual Polish Day celebrated at St. Faustina Parish. This year's event will be held on Sept. 28. Credit: SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ada Mierzejewski went to her first Polish Day as a teenager back in the 1970s at St. Stanislaus Church in Meriden, and years later, she still enjoys the celebration of fine food, music and culture.

That food, which an expected 300 people will be enjoying on Sept. 28, is homemade by Mierzejewski, Amanda Edwards and Father Edward Ziemnicki, pastor of St. Faustina Parish, made up of St. Stanislaus Church and SS. Peter & Paul Church in Wallingford.

For weeks, the trio have been preparing, shopping and cooking everything from pierogi (stuffed dumplings)

A TASTE OF POLAND

A parish is preparing to dish out pierogi, golabki and more favorites.

to golabki (stuffed cabbage), using the treasured old world recipes of Father Ziemnicki's mother Genowefa.

Pastor for 20 years, Father Ziemnicki says St. Stanislaus is the oldest Polish parish in Connecticut, and this year marks its 134th anniversary.

The original Polish celebration, known as June Fest, was three days long. But since the formation of St. Faustina Parish, it evolved into Polish Day.

"Polish Day is about bringing the parish together as a community," Father Ziemnicki says. "We start with noon Mass in Polish, then we have music and delicious food that is all homemade from the recipes of my mom. You cannot buy this kind of food in the store."

A proud native of Poland, he says the country's culture has historically been inextricably linked to the Catholic faith.

"We were always successful because we built our society on Catholic values, so you cannot talk about Poland without talking about the Catholic faith," Father Ziemnicki adds. "The motto of Poland is God, Honor, Country."

This year's Polish Day will also observe the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Solidarity movement

in Poland, a non-violent social movement aligned with the Church, which led to the collapse of Communism.

Amanda Edwards, who has worked at the parish for eight years, is also proud of her Polish heritage. She attended St. Stanislaus School, as did her children before it closed.

"I enjoy the festival because it brings me a lot of joy, and I'm so excited to see people enjoying the food we prepared for them. We put a lot of love into making the food, and it's a real homemade Polish meal," she says. "Everybody loves Polish Day, because it lets the whole parish get together to celebrate with music, dancing and good food."

For Mierzejewski, whose daughters, sons-in-law and even grandchildren volunteer at the event, Polish Day is a family affair. A lifelong parishioner, she was brought up immersed in Polish culture and observing its traditions.

"I went to St. Stanislaus School and the church, and I married a Polish man, who worked at the church cemetery for 41 years," she adds. "Our parish family of St. Stanislaus and SS. Peter & Paul is everything to us, so I'm here celebrating my Polish heritage — even though I'm 100 percent Italian."

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events

Join FRASSATI NEW HAVEN for our annual

Thimble Island Cruise

Sunday, October 5
 3:45-6:00pm* (*Boat sets sail at 4:00pm sharp)
 Stony Creek Dock (30 Indian Point Rd, Branford)

\$35

Limited spots!
 Get your tickets ASAP!

Snacks will be provided.
 Drinks available for purchase.
 With questions, contact:
info@frassatinewhaven.org

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 may Christ teach you what is yours!"**

- St. Francis of Assisi

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 Sunday, October 5**

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